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Colorado Trends

The State's economy remained firmly on the road to recovery in September. Employment opportunities continued to expand while unemployment held close to the previous month's level. Colorado's seasonally adjusted jobless rate was unchanged from August at 5.9 percent. One year ago, 7.3 percent of the labor force were unemployed.

The State finished up what has to be considered a good summer for the economy in September. Total employment increased in each of the last three months moving from 1,557,000 in June to 1,599,700 currently. During the same time the rate of unemployment fell slightly from 6.3 percent to 5.9 percent. A healthy tourist season, improvement in agricultural conditions and continued growth in manufacturing all contributed to the positive performance.

The number of Colorado residents holding jobs rose by 16,300 to reach 1,599,700 in September. The over-the-year increase of 57,400 is not as impressive as it looks at first glance, however, because employment one year ago was at a very low level.

Activities at the Department's Job Services Centers also show an upturn in hiring. Job placements totaled nearly 27,000 during the last three months, an increase of 23 percent over the prior three-month period, April through June. Compared to the same period one year ago, placements were up an impressive 40 percent.

Unemployed persons numbered 100,300 in September, 200 higher than in August, but almost 22,000 lower than one year ago. Joblessness has stabilized varying only slightly from the 100,000-mark during the last three months.

Around the State, the end of the summer tourist season plus the completion of most harvesting activities brought higher unemployment to 29 of Colorado's 63 counties on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Still, all but nine counties registered lower jobless rates this September compared to one year ago.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's unemployment rate dropped two-tenths of a percentage point in September to 5.4 percent of the civilian labor force.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado jumped 11,600 in September to 1,400,300 from the 1,388,700 recorded in August. The gain was larger than the normal seasonal increase for September and indicates a strengthening in the underlying trend in job growth. Total wage and salary jobs in the State at this time last year numbered 1,400,600.

Although the bulk of the month's job gain was in government (up 17,100) most of the real improvement over the month came in the sectors of manufacturing, finance and services. The government increase was almost exactly in line with the expected seasonal hiring in the educational subsectors of government as the new school year got underway. Less than

normal losses in manufacturing (down 200), finance, insurance and real estate (down 300) and services (down 1,300) led to better overall health in the State's economy.

All other sectors except transportation and public utilities (up 100) showed losses over the month with the largest of these occurring in trade (down 2,400). Food stores (down 1,300) and eating and drinking places (down 300) were responsible for most of the lost jobs in trade. Smaller losses were evident in the sectors of mining (down 200) and contract construction (down 1,200).

Several recently announced layoffs across the State may temper job growth somewhat later this year. Included among these was the announcement that Data General Corp. will close its year-old, $25 million plant in Fountain, Colorado, south of Colorado Springs, eliminating 550 jobs. The terminations at the Fountain plant are scheduled to begin after January 1 and be completed by next spring. In addition, layoffs at two oil companies, Union Pacific Resources Co. and Chevron USA will idle over 700 Colorado workers by early 1989. A portion of these workers, however, will be offered transfers to locations outside the State. This will help lessen the impact of the cutbacks on statewide unemployment. Also helping to partially offset these reductions will be B. F. Goodrich's decision to add 250 workers at its Pueblo aircraft brake plant. Its new technology of carbon braking systems is rapidly becoming the industry standard. The carbon brakes are used in the Boeing 747-400 and orders for the aircraft are exceeding expectations.

Labor market conditions in the **DENVER MSA** continued to improve in September as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.6 percent. Last September the rate was 6.9 percent.

The number of jobless local residents eased slightly to 49,500. Last month the estimated number of unemployed persons was 49,600 while the comparable figure one year ago was 60,600.

After adjusting for normal seasonal patterns, total employment in the Area jumped 11,500 to 839,600. Total employment has now climbed 21,300 in the past twleve months.

Payroll additions in the Region were slightly smaller than usual for the August-September period, rising 3,600 to 791,100. This series stood at 794,800 one year ago. Over-the-month hiring was confined entirely to the government sector (up 6,800), a result of September school openings.

Only the service industry (down 1,100) and the finance, insurance, and real estate group (down 200) showed signs of seasonal strength.

Losses in mining (down 100) and manufacturing (down 200) matched seasonal expectations, while those in trade (down 700) and construction (down 900) were somewhat greater than normal.

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	SEP 1988	AUG 1988	JUN 1988	SEP 1987	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1700.0	1683.5	1662.1	1664.3	16.5	37.9	35.7
Unemployment	100.3	100.1	105.1	122.0	0.2	-4.8	-21.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.9	6.3	7.3	---	---	---
Employment	1599.7	1583.4	1557.0	1542.3	16.3	42.7	57.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1396.6	1392.6	1388.9	1396.4	4.0	7.7	0.2
Mining	20.8	21.0	20.8	21.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
Contract Construction	57.6	57.8	60.0	65.9	-0.2	-2.4	-8.3
Manufacturing	187.3	187.1	185.8	183.5	0.2	1.5	3.8
Durable Goods	119.1	119.0	118.0	117.0	0.1	1.1	2.1
Nondurable Goods	68.2	68.1	67.8	66.2	0.1	0.4	2.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	82.6	83.2	82.9	83.6	-0.6	-0.3	-1.0
Trade	350.2	350.9	350.3	350.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.1
Wholesale	75.5	75.3	75.0	75.9	0.2	0.5	-0.4
Retail	274.7	275.6	275.3	274.2	-0.9	-0.6	0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.7	96.0	96.6	98.7	0.7	0.1	-2.0
Services	334.8	330.1	329.7	330.8	4.7	5.1	4.0
Government	266.6	266.5	262.8	263.2	0.1	3.8	3.4
Federal	54.2	53.9	54.3	54.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1
State	64.9	64.0	62.1	62.0	0.9	2.8	2.9
Local	147.5	148.6	146.4	146.8	-1.1	1.1	0.7
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	889.1	877.7	868.5	878.9	11.4	20.6	10.2
Unemployment	49.5	49.6	51.2	60.6	-0.1	-1.7	-11.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.9	---	---	---
Employment	839.6	828.1	817.3	818.3	11.5	22.3	21.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	788.3	788.8	786.8	791.7	-0.5	1.5	-3.4
Mining	13.6	13.6	13.5	14.1	0.0	0.1	-0.5
Contract Construction	32.4	32.7	34.3	36.7	-0.3	-1.9	-4.3
Manufacturing	95.9	95.9	95.1	94.6	0.0	0.8	1.3
Durable Goods	52.2	52.2	51.7	51.4	0.0	0.5	0.8
Nondurable Goods	43.7	43.7	43.4	43.3	0.0	0.3	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	59.7	59.7	60.1	60.7	0.0	-0.4	-1.0
Trade	199.3	199.7	199.6	198.9	-0.4	-0.3	0.4
Wholesale	54.2	54.1	53.8	54.4	0.1	0.4	-0.2
Retail	145.1	145.6	145.8	144.6	-0.5	-0.7	0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.7	65.4	65.7	66.7	0.3	0.0	-1.0
Services	196.2	195.4	194.3	195.6	0.8	1.9	0.6
Government	125.5	126.4	124.2	124.5	-0.9	1.3	1.0
Federal	31.9	31.4	31.6	31.7	0.5	0.3	0.2
State	27.1	26.8	26.4	25.8	0.3	0.7	1.3
Local	66.5	68.2	66.2	66.9	-1.7	0.3	-0.4
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	131460	129980	127870	128250	1480	3590	3210
Unemployment	6220	5810	6110	7020	410	110	-800
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.5	4.8	5.5	---	---	---
Employment	125240	124170	121760	121230	1070	3480	4010
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	194170	190120	188170	187380	4050	6000	6790
Unemployment	12470	12600	13770	15180	-130	-1300	-2710
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.6	7.3	8.1	---	---	---
Employment	181700	177520	174400	172200	4180	7300	9500
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	91370	91140	89730	88800	230	1640	2570
Unemployment	4830	4880	5160	5840	-50	-330	-1010
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	5.8	6.6	---	---	---
Employment	86540	86260	84570	82960	280	1970	3580
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	66630	65770	65240	63420	860	1390	3210
Unemployment	4280	3940	4180	4900	340	100	-620
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.0	6.4	7.7	---	---	---
Employment	62350	61830	61060	58520	520	1290	3830
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	51300	50480	49560	49070	820	1740	2230
Unemployment	4120	4070	4300	4540	50	-180	-420
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.1	8.7	9.3	---	---	---
Employment	47180	46410	45260	44530	770	1920	2650

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1709.6	1696.0	1671.2	13600	38400
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	90.7	92.0	110.3	-1300	-19600
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	6.6	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1618.9	1604.0	1560.9	14900	58000
Nonagricultural 5/	1585.0	1560.7	1521.9	24300	63100
Agricultural	33.9	43.3	39.0	-9400	-5100
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1400.3	1388.7	1400.6	11600	-300
(by place of work)					
MINING	20.8	21.0	21.0	-200	-200
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	4.0	4.0	3.7	0	300
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.6	13.8	14.3	-200	-700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	61.2	62.4	70.0	-1200	-8800
General Building Contractors	13.7	13.9	15.7	-200	-2000
Heavy Construction Contractors	9.9	10.0	10.9	-100	-1000
Special Trade Contractors	37.6	38.5	43.4	-900	-5800
MANUFACTURING	188.9	189.1	184.7	-200	4200
Durable Goods	120.1	120.3	117.9	-200	2200
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.8	6.8	7.0	0	-200
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.7	7.8	8.1	-100	-400
Primary & Fabricated Metals	13.4	13.4	12.7	0	700
Machinery, except Electrical	28.4	28.3	25.9	100	2500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.0	22.3	22.9	-300	-900
Transportation Equipment	18.0	18.0	17.6	0	400
Nondurable Goods	68.8	68.8	66.8	0	2000
Food & Kindred Products	25.8	26.2	24.7	-400	1100
Printing & Publishing	22.9	22.5	22.6	400	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	82.9	82.8	84.0	100	-1100
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	44.6	44.7	45.4	-100	-800
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	350.9	353.3	350.9	-2400	0
Wholesale Trade	75.7	75.8	76.1	-100	-400
Retail Trade	275.2	277.5	274.8	-2300	400
General Merchandise Stores	30.9	31.1	31.7	-200	-800
Food Stores	43.2	44.5	42.2	-1300	1000
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	27.9	28.0	28.0	-100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	104.7	105.0	104.1	-300	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	96.7	97.0	98.7	-300	-2000
Banking	20.5	20.6	21.1	-100	-600
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	18.0	18.1	19.0	-100	-1000
SERVICES	334.1	335.4	330.0	-1300	4100
Hotels & Other Lodging	29.2	30.0	27.6	-800	1600
Personal Services	16.5	16.6	16.0	-100	500
Business Services	73.9	74.2	73.8	-300	100
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	15.9	16.0	16.0	-100	-100
Amusements & Recreation	20.0	21.9	20.1	-1900	-100
Health Services	84.4	84.7	83.7	-300	700
Hospitals	36.2	36.3	35.8	-100	400
GOVERNMENT	264.8	247.7	261.3	17100	3500
Federal Government	54.8	55.0	54.8	-200	0
State Government	64.1	56.4	61.3	7700	2800
Education	39.4	32.1	37.2	7300	2200
Local Government	145.9	136.3	145.2	9600	700
Education	78.3	64.4	78.2	13900	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	893.5	883.6	882.2	9900	11300
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	45.5	46.4	55.7	-900	-10200
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.2	6.3	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	848.0	837.2	826.5	10800	21500
Nonagricultural 5/	842.0	829.5	819.6	12500	22400
Agricultural	6.0	7.7	6.9	-1700	-900
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	791.1	787.5	794.8	3600	-3700
MINING	13.5	13.6	14.0	-100	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	11.3	11.4	11.9	-100	-600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34.1	35.0	38.6	-900	-4500
MANUFACTURING	96.2	96.4	94.9	-200	1300
Durable Goods	52.4	52.4	51.5	0	900
Transportation Equipment	16.2	16.1	15.8	100	400
Nondurable Goods	43.8	44.0	43.4	-200	400
Food & Kindred Products	14.3	14.4	14.1	-100	200
Printing & Publishing	12.9	12.9	13.0	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	59.9	59.9	60.9	0	-1000
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	199.0	199.7	198.6	-700	400
Wholesale Trade	54.3	54.4	54.4	-100	-100
Retail Trade	144.7	145.3	144.2	-600	500
Eating & Drinking Places	52.9	52.9	51.6	0	1300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	66.0	66.2	67.0	-200	-1000
SERVICES	197.2	198.3	196.6	-1100	600
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.5	10.6	10.5	-100	0
Health Services	47.7	47.6	46.9	100	800
GOVERNMENT	125.2	118.4	124.2	6800	1000
Federal Government	31.8	31.5	31.6	300	200
State Government	27.6	24.8	26.3	2800	1300
Local Government	65.8	62.1	66.3	3700	-500
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	133.3	130.2	130.0	3100	3300
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.6	5.3	6.3	300	-700
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.1	4.9	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	127.7	124.9	123.7	2800	4000
Nonagricultural 5/	126.3	123.1	122.1	3200	4200
Agricultural	1.4	1.8	1.6	-400	-200
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	106.3	104.2	105.4	2100	900
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.2	3.7	0	-500
MANUFACTURING	28.9	28.9	28.5	0	400
Durable Goods	23.5	23.6	23.4	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.3	5.1	100	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.1	23.2	23.0	-100	100
Wholesale Trade	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	-100
Retail Trade	20.7	20.8	20.5	-100	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	-100
SERVICES	22.0	22.2	21.6	-200	400
GOVERNMENT	22.4	20.0	21.8	2400	600
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	100
State Government	10.4	8.8	9.9	1600	500
Local Government	9.3	8.5	9.3	800	0
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	September 1988 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	August 1988 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5556	5199	357	6.4	--	5610	5191	419	7.5
Archuleta	2628	2489	139	5.3	--	2664	2526	138	5.2
Baca	1962	1898	64	3.3	--	2067	2022	45	2.2
Bent	2214	2097	117	5.3	--	2288	2171	117	5.1
Chaffee	6547	6063	484	7.4	--	6384	5989	395	6.2
Cheyenne	946	909	37	3.9	--	992	966	26	2.6
Clear Creek	2259	2072	187	8.3	--	2213	1999	214	9.7
Co. Springs MSA	195146	183694	11452	5.9	--	192052	180359	11693	6.1
Conejos	2348	2124	224	9.5	--	2586	2173	413	16.0
Costilla	919	726	193	21.0	--	933	739	194	20.8
Crowley	1502	1428	74	4.9	--	1522	1437	85	5.6
Custer	926	871	55	5.9	--	955	892	63	6.6
Delta	7657	7138	519	6.8	--	7818	7213	605	7.7
Den-Bldr CMSA	1026774	975713	51061	5.0	--	1013789	962069	51720	5.1
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	133346	127741	5605	4.2	--	130257	124912	5345	4.1
-Denver MSA	893428	847972	45456	5.1	--	883532	837157	46375	5.2
---Adams	150091	140984	9107	6.1	--	148361	139186	9175	6.2
---Arapahoe	213072	204005	9067	4.3	--	210560	201403	9157	4.3
---Denver	274398	258564	15834	5.8	--	271753	255266	16487	6.1
---Douglas	20121	19334	787	3.9	--	19969	19087	882	4.4
---Jefferson	235747	225086	10661	4.5	--	232888	222215	10673	4.6
Dolores	809	786	23	2.8	--	818	786	32	3.9
Eagle	11986	11453	533	4.4	--	11907	11488	419	3.5
Elbert	3696	3477	219	5.9	--	3729	3480	249	6.7
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93036	88881	4155	4.5	--	92085	87731	4354	4.7
Fremont	11551	10790	761	6.6	--	11314	10533	781	6.9
Garfield	14645	13778	867	5.9	--	14397	13703	694	4.8
Gilpin	1258	1203	55	4.4	--	2629	2540	89	3.4
Grand	5053	4774	279	5.5	--	4891	4739	152	3.1
Greeley MSA	67108	63410	3698	5.5	--	67001	63501	3500	5.2
Gunnison	5381	5127	254	4.7	--	5287	5109	178	3.4
Hinsdale	377	375	2	0.5	--	394	388	6	1.5
Huerfano	2306	2121	185	8.0	--	2426	2163	263	10.8
Jackson	1025	972	53	5.2	--	1075	1016	59	5.5
Kiowa	950	932	18	1.9	--	1038	1000	38	3.7
Kit Carson	3558	3501	57	1.6	--	3791	3708	83	2.2
Lake	1501	1335	166	11.1	--	1461	1311	150	10.3
La Plata	15861	15096	765	4.8	--	15726	14899	827	5.3
Las Animas	4804	4443	361	7.5	--	4738	4348	390	8.2
Lincoln	1984	1933	51	2.6	--	2086	2017	69	3.3
Logan	8647	8311	336	3.9	--	8790	8466	324	3.7
Mesa	39276	36973	2303	5.9	--	38969	36481	2488	6.4
Mineral	280	264	16	5.7	--	273	265	8	2.9
Moffat	5006	4647	359	7.2	--	4996	4620	376	7.5
Montezuma	8948	8300	648	7.2	--	8894	8293	601	6.8
Montrose	11283	10594	689	6.1	--	11496	10683	813	7.1
Morgan	9637	8940	697	7.2	--	9705	9060	645	6.6
Otero	8335	7851	484	5.8	--	8596	8019	577	6.7
Ouray	1158	1105	53	4.6	--	1760	1709	51	2.9
Park	2961	2774	187	6.3	--	3000	2836	164	5.5
Phillips	2112	2075	37	1.8	--	2251	2206	45	2.0
Pitkin	8660	8149	511	5.9	--	8534	8267	267	3.1
Prowers	6474	5945	529	8.2	--	6589	5970	619	9.4
Pueblo MSA	51035	47231	3804	7.5	--	50432	46598	3834	7.6
Rio Blanco	2771	2607	164	5.9	--	2721	2594	127	4.7
Rio Grande	5217	4795	422	8.1	--	5563	4816	747	13.4
Routt	8486	7875	611	7.2	--	8178	7812	366	4.5
Saguache	1445	1310	135	9.3	--	1815	1378	437	24.1
San Juan	465	451	14	3.0	--	475	449	26	5.5
San Miguel	2324	2281	103	4.3	--	2402	2315	87	3.6
Sedgwick	1404	1297	107	7.6	--	1362	1344	18	1.3
Summit	7047	6711	336	4.8	--	6924	6635	289	4.2
Teller	5232	4975	357	6.7	--	6245	5834	411	6.6
Washington	2452	2255	197	8.0	--	2548	2436	113	4.4
Yuma	4498	4385	113	2.5	--	4844	4727	117	2.4
COLORADO	1709389	1618911	90678	5.3	--	1696031	1604021	92010	5.4

All estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AVERAGES
January 1988 - September 1988

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5833	5336	497	8.5
Archuleta	2666	2447	219	8.2
Baca	2045	1966	79	3.9
Bent	2254	2102	152	6.7
Chaffee	6503	5887	616	9.5
Cheyenne	972	931	41	4.2
Clear Creek	2321	2060	261	11.2
Co. Springs MSA	191488	176866	14622	7.6
Conejos	2517	2125	392	15.6
Costilla	895	729	166	18.5
Crowley	1493	1398	95	6.4
Custer	932	864	68	7.3
Delta	8060	7118	942	11.7
Den-Bldr CMSA	1017417	957141	60276	5.9
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	130645	124242	6403	4.9
-Denver MSA	886772	832899	53873	6.1
---Adams	149689	138478	11211	7.5
---Arapahoe	210862	200379	10483	5.0
---Denver	272457	253967	18490	6.8
---Douglas	19990	18990	1000	5.0
---Jefferson	233774	221085	12689	5.4
Dolores	847	791	56	6.6
Eagle	12470	11796	674	5.4
Elbert	3777	3428	349	9.2
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	91983	86359	5624	6.1
Fremont	11485	10362	1123	9.8
Garfield	14488	13436	1052	7.3
Gilpin	1701	1609	92	5.4
Grand	5145	4906	239	4.6
Greeley MSA	67571	62802	4769	7.1
Gunnison	5517	5198	319	5.8
Hinsdale	382	374	8	2.1
Huerfano	2386	2104	282	11.8
Jackson	1049	978	71	6.8
Kiowa	999	962	37	3.7
Kit Carson	3692	3581	111	3.0
Lake	1545	1304	241	15.6
La Plata	16189	15071	1118	6.9
Las Animas	4847	4392	455	9.4
Lincoln	2024	1957	67	3.3
Logan	8651	8269	382	4.4
Mesa	39508	36075	3433	8.7
Mineral	292	259	33	11.3
Moffat	5048	4542	506	10.0
Montezuma	9031	8093	938	10.4
Montrose	11639	10326	1313	11.3
Morgan	9659	8919	740	7.7
Otero	8419	7609	810	9.6
Ouray	1401	1287	114	8.1
Park	2947	2721	226	7.7
Phillips	2200	2128	72	3.3
Pitkin	8754	8312	442	5.0
Prowers	6540	5974	566	8.7
Pueblo MSA	50492	46047	4445	8.8
Rio Blanco	2688	2514	174	6.5
Rio Grande	5435	4705	730	13.4
Routt	8584	7966	618	7.2
Saguache	1611	1344	267	16.6
San Juan	500	453	47	9.4
San Miguel	2484	2287	197	7.9
Sedgwick	1376	1317	59	4.3
Summit	7765	7345	420	5.4
Teller	5682	5166	516	9.1
Washington	2492	2338	154	6.2
Yuma	4689	4517	172	3.7
COLORADO	1701379	1588891	112488	6.6

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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ANNUAL AVERAGE 1987

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5851	5287	564	9.6
ARCHULETA	2587	2374	213	8.2
BACA	2035	1943	92	4.5
BENT	2190	2045	145	6.6
CHAFFEE	6628	5851	777	11.7
CHEYENNE	973	934	39	4.0
CLEAR CREEK	2583	2267	316	12.2
CO. SPGS. MSA	189240	173637	15603	8.2
CONEJOS	2566	2100	466	18.2
COSTILLA	928	712	216	23.3
CROWLEY	1315	1226	89	6.8
CUSTER	920	848	72	7.8
DELTA	8209	7208	1001	12.2
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1021041	950231	70810	6.9
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	130371	122856	7515	5.8
-DENVER MSA	890671	827375	63296	7.1
---ADAMS	151004	137562	13442	8.9
---ARAPAHOE	211430	199047	12383	5.9
---DENVER	273729	252279	21450	7.8
---DOUGLAS	19993	18867	1126	5.6
---JEFFERSON	234516	219621	14895	6.4
DOLORES	836	770	66	7.9
EAGLE	11549	10805	744	6.4
ELBERT	3848	3457	391	10.2
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	90475	84299	6176	6.8
FREMONT	11674	10236	1438	12.3
GARFIELD	14399	13164	1235	8.6
GILPIN	1506	1380	126	8.4
GRAND	5150	4851	299	5.8
GREELEY MSA	66205	60784	5421	8.2
GUNNISON	5494	5094	400	7.3
HINSDALE	389	364	25	6.4
HUERFANO	2444	2061	383	15.7
JACKSON	1016	963	53	5.2
KIOWA	994	946	48	4.8
KIT CARSON	3720	3536	184	4.9
LAKE	1651	1296	355	21.5
LA PLATA	16323	14891	1432	8.8
LAS ANIMAS	4762	4181	581	12.2
LINCOLN	2039	1944	95	4.7
LOGAN	8961	8273	688	7.7
MESA	39360	35101	4259	10.8
MINERAL	297	254	43	14.5
MOFFAT	5110	4484	626	12.3
MONTEZUMA	8945	7768	1177	13.2
MONTROSE	11382	10176	1206	10.6
MORGAN	9748	8861	887	9.1
OTERO	8523	7566	957	11.2
OURAY	1291	1187	104	8.1
PARK	2946	2653	293	9.9
PHILLIPS	2168	2088	80	3.7
PITKIN	8219	7717	502	6.1
PROWERS	6577	6134	443	6.7
PUEBLO MSA	49532	44374	5158	10.4
RIO BLANCO	2687	2457	230	8.6
RIO GRANDE	5386	4603	783	14.5
ROUTT	8328	7599	729	8.8
SAGUACHE	1616	1328	288	17.8
SAN JUAN	570	491	79	13.9
SAN MIGUEL	2325	2105	220	9.5
SEDGWICK	1371	1292	79	5.8
SUMMIT	7576	7163	413	5.5
TELLER	5487	4944	543	9.9
WASHINGTON	2486	2309	177	7.1
YUMA	4573	4388	185	4.0
STATE TOTAL	1697000	1567000	130000	7.7

ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO THE 1987 CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$458.53	$478.98	$449.24	36.8	39.1	36.2	$12.46	$12.25	$12.41
MANUFACTURING	$418.55	$414.72	$408.18	39.9	39.8	39.9	$10.49	$10.42	$10.23
Durable Goods	$424.32	$428.89	$420.86	40.8	41.2	40.9	$10.40	$10.41	$10.29
Nondurable Goods	$408.19	$394.25	$390.39	38.4	37.8	38.5	$10.63	$10.43	$10.14

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987	SEP 2/ 1988	AUG 3/ 1988	SEP 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$501.21	$530.86	$482.66	37.6	40.4	36.4	$13.33	$13.14	$13.26
MANUFACTURING	$440.90	$441.60	$421.37	39.9	40.0	40.4	$11.05	$11.04	$10.43
Durable Goods	$475.78	$483.30	$485.14	41.3	41.7	43.2	$11.52	$11.59	$11.23
Nondurable Goods	$404.64	$399.09	$362.50	38.5	38.3	37.8	$10.51	$10.42	$9.59

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	SEP 1988	AUG 1988	SEP 1987	SEP 1988	AUG 1988	SEP 1987
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	9,943	10,434	11,592	5,419	5,952	6,146
Continued Claims	80,032	103,237	108,243	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	63,858	82,817	87,129	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$10,161,615	$12,881,621	$13,897,779	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$144,780,718	$150,656,593	$93,378,649	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	14,166	15,963	14,686	7,001	7,257	7,197
Nonagricultural Placements	6,908	8,675	6,263	2,260	2,317	1,897
Agricultural Placements	1,028	2,011	1,040	327	224	363

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

August 1988 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	123,396	1696.0	1638.9	482.5	400.3	696.9	746.2	236.0
Unemployment	6,659	92.0	113.7	25.4	22.9	57.1	32.3	10.9
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.4	5.4	6.9	5.3	5.7	8.2	4.3	4.6
Employment	116,737	1604.0	1525.2	457.1	377.4	639.8	713.9	225.1

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on December 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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